REMARKS

In the Office Communication dated July 1, 2003, a supplemental reissue declaration was required. Accordingly, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.175, enclosed is a Supplemental Declaration for Reissue Patent Application signed by the inventors.

The Office Communication also required the submission and surrender of the original patent. As indicated in the enclosed Statement of Lost or Inaccessible Patent, a search for the original Patent No. 5,579,162 was conducted, but the patent could not be located. It is respectfully requested that the enclosed statement stating that the original patent is lost or inaccessible be accepted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.178.

The Office Communication of July 1, 2003 further required that all of the amendments to the specification and to the claims comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.173. Accordingly, applicant has reflected all changes made to the specification and to the claims in a manner which complies with this § 1.173.

With respect to the amendments to the specification, two changes were made to each of the identified paragraphs. The first change was made when the reissue application was filed and involved deleting the phrase "DC reactive" or "DC reactively" from those paragraphs. The second change was made in response to the Office Action of March 19, 1998 (filed August 18, 1998) and reinserted the phrase "DC reactive" or "DC reactively" into those paragraphs. Thus, the net result is that such paragraphs have not been changed and the above retyping of those specification paragraphs reflect this.

With respect to the claims, claims 1-10 (the original claims) have been retyped showing all of the amendments previously made to such claims during prosecution of the reissue application. These amendments are relative to claims 1-10 as of the filing of the reissue application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.173(g). Claims 11-62 which were added as new claims have been completely underlined (except for new claims which were subsequently cancelled) as required.

It is believed that all of the informalities set forth in the Office Communication of July 1, 2003 have been addressed and that the application is now in condition for allowance.

If there are any questions or if any further amendments or other actions need to be taken, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned so that such amendments and/or actions may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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